

Haass proudly described himself as an elitist. Well, it is elitists like him and the organization he heads who helped lead to the rush to an unnecessary war in Iraq, and continues to push military and civilian spending in Iraq and Afghanistan that we simply cannot afford. These people apparently are not happy unless we are spending hundreds of billions in other countries.

Mr. Haass seemingly did not feel guilty at all when he said China had invested in its economy while we have blown a couple of trillion dollars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Well, it's long past time for us to bring our troops and contractors home and start investing in our own economy. And it is time for us to start putting Americans first and stop spending so much money and sending so many jobs to other countries.

NO WORD FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE GULF COAST OIL SPILL

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, last week, our committee on Energy and Commerce, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, held the first of what is likely to be many hearings into the events going on in the Gulf of Mexico. So far, the hearings and investigation have been decidedly "asymmetric." My committee demanded and obtained thousands of pages of documents and testimony from the four companies involved in the spill, but virtually nothing—nothing—from the administration. In fact, my committee made no document requests and asked for no testimony from the administration.

The Federal role would appear to be an integral part of this story. We should have representatives from the Department of Interior and the Minerals Management Service explain why in March of 2009, in the Initial Exploration Plans for Deepwater Horizon, a blowout scenario was simply not contemplated, and why the Department of Interior did not require a site-specific oil spill response plan.

We've had no word from the Federal Government and related agencies. When will the administration begin to work with Congress, rather than against Congress and against the American people?

NETWORKS SHOW DOUBLE STANDARD ON SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when former President George W. Bush nominated John Roberts and Samuel Alito for the Supreme Court, the tele-

vision networks repeatedly described them as "conservative," and used terms such as "bedrock conservative," "staunch conservative," and "ultra-conservative." In contrast, the networks rarely label President Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Elena Kagan, as "liberal," according to an analysis by the Media Research Center. In fact, the networks called Justice Alito "conservative" 10 times more often than they called Judge Kagan "liberal" after their respective nominations, according to the MRC.

Perhaps that's no surprise, considering the networks' own political philosophy. These are the same networks who called Candidate Obama moderate, even though he had the most liberal voting record in the entire U.S. Senate. The networks should give Americans the facts about Supreme Court nominees, not practice double standards.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 17, 2010.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 17, 2010 at 12:16 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2711.

Appointments:
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

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ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2010

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2288) to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2288

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF FISH RECOVERY PROGRAMS.

Section 3(d)(2) of Public Law 106-392 (114 Stat. 1604 and 1605) is amended by inserting at the end the following: "For fiscal years 2012 through 2023, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to provide for the annual base funding for the Recovery Implementation Programs above and beyond the continued use of power revenues to fund the operation and maintenance of capital projects and monitoring.".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) and the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2288, introduced by our colleague Representative JOHN SALAZAR from Colorado and seven other colleagues, would amend Public Law 106-392 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2023 to fund fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and the San Juan River Basins.

H.R. 2288 will help ensure the continued delivery of water from Federal water projects to irrigators and municipal and industrial contractors throughout the Upper Colorado River Basin through fiscal year 2023. More than 1,500 water projects will continue to have certainty to move forward, based on the support and commitments generated through these recovery programs.

These recovery programs are nationally recognized examples of diverse stakeholders coming together to collaboratively find solutions without litigation that allow everyone to use the river systems to promote economic growth while supporting compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the recovery of native fish species within the Colorado River Basin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 2288, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This measure offers yet another example of how the Endangered Species Act has put a gun to the head of the West. The unreasonable effect of this